



Thank you for your interest in the Florida Youth Council!

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities, behavioral health care or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to express those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to solve them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please join us!

Commitment and Responsibilities

- Participate in monthly Florida Youth Council conference calls of about one hour in length
- Provide articles for our newsletter, *The Noodle*
- Participate in face to face meeting
- Participate at the Annual Youth Summit
- Participate at The Annual Family Café
- Provide advice and input on the Florida Youth Council's various activities
- Participate in Disability History and Awareness activities
- Participate in, or present at, local community events
- Participate in the mentoring of new council members
- Participate in leadership trainings
- Respect other members' viewpoints, opinions and values

Basically, we are asking you to give us all of your energy, ideas and enthusiasm as we move the Florida Youth Council forward. If you want to take a lead role in making a difference for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, and have fun doing it, this is the program for you!

To show your intent to commit to all of the Commitment and Responsibilities of the Florida Youth Council, please fill out the pledge form below.

I, _____, pledge to participate fully in the activities of the FYC, to attend all program functions, and to do everything in my power to make the FYC a success.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Florida Youth Council Application

Name _____ Gender (circle one): M / F

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Type of Disability (optional) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Race (optional) White (non-Hispanic) Black (non-Hispanic) Hispanic
 Asian or Pacific Islander Native American Other

OK, this part might not sound like a lot of fun, but we have three questions that we would like you to answer so we can get to know you a little better. Relax, have fun and be creative! Feel free to attach additional pages, but try to keep your answers to one page per question.

- 1. Tell us about the activities that you are currently or have been involved with in your school or community.**
- 2. Tell us about some leadership skills that you possess and/or leadership experience you have.**
- 3. Tell us how you are hoping to benefit from being a part of the Florida Youth Council. Also, please tell us about how your participation will benefit the Florida Youth Council.**

Return your complete application to:

**The Family Café
Attn: The Florida Youth Council
820 East Park Avenue, Suite F-100
Tallahassee, FL 32301**

We may call or e-mail you if we want to know more about you. You should expect to hear back from us within a few weeks. **Thanks for applying!**



Recommendation for the Florida Youth Council

We would like you to get two Recommendations from people that are not members of your family. Please give them this page, and ask them to directly return it to us with a letter on a separate page.

Recommendation Writer's Name _____

Applicant's Name _____

What is your relationship to the Applicant? _____

How long have you know them? _____

Please tell us why you think the person you are recommending would be a valuable contributor to the Florida Youth Council. (Please answer on another page)

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